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at the Domince Shipyard on
Korcula Island

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1. By early summer of 1950 the Domince Shipyard on Korcula Island had constructed nine MAS-type torpedo boats.
2. Twelve torpedo boats were submitted to final tests at the beginning of October 1950, and reportedly were to be ready for delivery by the end of October.
3. Reportedly, the wooden hulls of 20 additional torpedo boats were finished in early October and were launched. The motors and equipment for these boats were reported to be in the shipyard.
4. The construction of an additional series of 12 new torpedo boats was started in early October.
5. The torpedo tubes and the armament for the boats come from Rijeka, whereas the remainder of the materials used are made by the shipyard. Reportedly, during 1950 certain German motors were tested and the results were considered satisfactory. At present, English motors, which have given excellent results, are being installed on the boats. Every torpedo boat is provided with two torpedo tubes, two automatic guns, two four-barrel machine guns, two weak searchlights, and a W/T set. The sailors' cabin has ten beds.
6. The torpedo boats are about twenty-five meters long, five and a half meters wide, and approximately four meters high. They have three motors each and a speed of about forty-five miles per hour. Every boat is equipped with four gasoline tanks; the two in front (2 x 2 meters) having a capacity of about thirty hectoliters each. The two in the rear are smaller (1.5 x 1.5 meters), cone shaped, and their capacity is about 25 hectoliters. At full speed the engines consume about 700 liters of gasoline per hour.
7. Attached hereto is a sketch of the Domince Shipyard. The legend is given below.
 1. Administration Building: A new four-floor building which houses the offices and apartment of the director.
 2. The large hall where new ships are assembled: It is 200 meters long and about 50 meters wide. Two parallel railroad tracks pass through the building to a round turning point. From there the

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tracks lead to the docks and the sea. The carpenters work in this hall.

3. The power station is equipped with two naphtha motors and two generators which furnish electric power for the enterprise.
4. The mechanic workshop has old machines; about thirty men work there.
5. The equipment department employing smiths, locksmiths, tanners, and plumbers. The department is equipped with six steam-hammers. The tools are old. About one hundred and fifty men are employed here.
6. The carpenters' department fabricates the furniture for the ships; it employs 60 men.
7. The modeling department fabricates the hulls of the ships, and employs about eighty workers.
8. The scraping department is equipped with 12 new machines, and employs about forty workers.
9. The magazine is a one-story building, about sixty meters long and forty meters wide. The only scarce material is aluminum, which regularly delays the construction of ships.
10. The barracks of the Lafcevic Enterprise where the workers' battalions are lodged.

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